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This is the nineteenth issue of the Faith and Community-Based Loop. The FCB Loop is a list serve that will send out biweekly email updates with postings of upcoming conferences, information, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops that would be of interest to Faith and Community-Based organizations. Please send any upcoming information about conferences, grants and funding opportunities, trainings, seminars, and workshops to louisa.lichtman@servealabama.gov to be published in the FCB Loop.

Conferences

Trainings, Seminars & Workshops

- **First Responder Training**
Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 6:30 pm
The Gathering Place in Prodissee Center
6530 Spanish Fort Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527
Spanish Fort United Methodist Church along with the Spanish Fort/I-10 Corridor Disaster Co-op is hosting the event. If you would like to volunteer as a caring, compassionate first responder should a hurricane strike the Gulf Coast this year, please plan on attending a first responder training session. At this training professional safety personnel will teach volunteers what dangers may exist in a disaster area and how to avoid sickness or injury as they respond to storm victims. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, please call Deann Servos at (251) 626-1302 or email at deann@spanishfortumc.org.

General Information

- **Fight Terrorism, Register for PUSH Now**
Security personnel and public officials go to the PUSH website and click: Obtain Username & Password
PUSH, the *Portal to Uphold a Secure Homeland* system, was funded by the US Department of Homeland Security and developed by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security.
<https://pushweb.alacop.gov/>
- **Free Pamphlet Focuses on Program Replication**
The pamphlet Published by Public/Private Ventures: Replicating Social Programs describes the rationale for replicating effective social programs.
http://www.ppv.org/ppv/replication_expansion/replication_expansion.asp
- **“The National Nutrition Safety Net: Tools for Community Food Security”**
USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service
To help program providers, public officials, anti-hunger advocates, coalitions, and individual volunteers overcome barriers to making the nutrition assistance programs available to all of those eligible in their local communities.
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsec/Resources.htm>
- **Two Food Stamp Program Outreach Tool Kits**
USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service
 - Video entitled “Community Hunger Champions: Helping People Eat Right When Money’s Tight”
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/tool-kits.htm>
 - The “10 Myths and Facts About Food Stamp Benefits” is now available on-line in Spanish and English
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/outreach/tool-kits.htm>

Grants and Funding Opportunities

***Note: Grants and Funding Opportunities will now be sorted into categories: Community Development & Housing, Emergency Preparedness & Response; Education & Arts; Health & Human Services; Substance Abuse/ Mental Health; Youth & Eldercare; Foundations; and Resources.

Community Development & Housing

- **Assets for Independence Demonstration Program**

Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services
This grant awards funds to assist low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient. Project participants are taught about economic and consumer issues and establish matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA) in order to save for a first home, a business, or higher education.

Up to 60 awards totaling \$18 million; average grant size is \$300,000

Applications are due July 18, 2006

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2005-ACF-OCS-EI-0053.html>

- **Community Services Block Grant Training and Technical Assistance Program: Special State Technical Assistance**

DHHS; Administration for Children & Families

This program will fund state CSBG Lead Agencies and/or state Community Action Associations to develop and support interventions in cases where an eligible entity is in a crisis situation.

Seven to ten awards totaling \$360,000

Applications are due July 20, 2006

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EZ-0026.html>

- **Language Assistance Demonstration Projects Grant Program**

State Departments of Transportation (State DOTs) solicits proposals that demonstrate language assistance programs for limited English proficient (LEP) Persons under the Transportation Equity Research Program (TERP).

The major goal of the TERP is for research and demonstration activities that focus on the impacts that transportation planning, investment, and operations have on low-income and minority populations that are transit dependent.

These cooperative agreements are a four-year award. The total available funding for the first year is for \$245,000

Applications are due August 7, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=9800>

- **Bikes Belong Coalition Grants Program**

Grants are provided in the following categories: facility, advocacy, and education. All proposals must address the goals of the grants program strategic plan: encourage ridership growth, leverage funding, build political support, support bicycle advocacy, and promote bicycling.

Applicants can request up to \$10,000

Applications are due August 28, 2006

<http://bikesbelong.org/page.cfm?PageID=21>

- **Loan Guarantee Program for Transitional Housing**

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Low-interest loans to develop multifamily transitional housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

15 low-interest rate loans with an aggregate dollar amount of \$100 million

Applications are submitted on a Rolling Basis

<http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=8>

- **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program: Stand Down Grants**

Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) have made funds available to host events for homeless veterans in local communities where they are receiving services.

Limit of \$5,000 per application

Rolling applications

<http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/hvrp/main.htm>

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- **Alabama Citizen Corps/Citizen Preparedness Grant**

United States Department of Homeland Security

The goal of Alabama Citizen Corps is to make communities in Alabama resistant and resilient to disasters through citizen preparedness.

The grant awards will range from approximately \$10,000 to \$30,000

Applications are due by July 10, 2006

http://www.servealabama.gov/State_Funding.htm

- **AmeriCorps State Disaster Grant**

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This funding is available to organizations for development and implementation of a 3 Year State AmeriCorps Program that will engage members in the multiple phases of emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Applications are due July 14, 2006

http://www.servealabama.gov/State_Funding.htm

- **Grants Program to Assist Congregations of All Faiths Rebuild Their Houses of Worship**

The Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund – Interfaith Grant (BCKF-IG) will provide faith institutions damaged by Hurricane Katrina with funding up to \$35,000 for capital repair and construction of their houses of worship. Up to \$4,000 of the total grant can be used to cover rental costs of a temporary location for the congregation. Up to \$5,000 of the total grant can be allocated as an administrative stipend for the clergy leader to manage the proposed repair and construction project.

Completed applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis beginning April 10 through July 31, 2006

<http://www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org/>

- **A Special Fund for Hurricane Katrina Disaster Assistance**

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for service projects in any locale where there is a substantial need for assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Such projects may include direct medical aid to evacuees or non-medical assistance to both victims and those adversely affected by this disaster. Examples might include providing healthcare information to displaced persons in shelters, or counseling assistance to overstressed relief workers, or instituting social and educational programs for small children.

Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis through 2006

<http://humanism-in-medicine.org/cgi-bin/htmllos.cgi/04202.1.5750774146319301812>

Education & Arts

- **Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program**

U.S Department of Education

This program is designed to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific and technological careers.

Eighteen awards for an estimated total funding of \$3,273,443

Applications are due July 24, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=9844&mode=VIEW>

- **National Endowment for the Arts: Access to Artistic Excellence**

Support is provided to local arts agencies in the following areas: performing and visual arts events, artist residencies and commissions, conservation of public art, and sub-granting for programming activities of local arts agencies' constituents. To be eligible, a local arts agency must be a unit of city or county government or designated to operate on behalf of its local government. All grants require a nonfederal match of at least 1 to 1. Most grant awards will range from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

The next application deadline for this program is August 14, 2006

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP07/Locals-AtAE.html>

- **Big Read Accepting Applications for Community-Wide Reading Program**

National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services aims to revitalize the role of literature in American popular culture and introduce its transformative power into the lives of ordinary Americans. Participating organizations will select a book from the program's list and produce a highly participatory community-wide read with innovative and diverse programming between January 2007 and June 2007. Grants will generally range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and require a match of at least one-to-one with non-federal funds

Applications are due September 12, 2006

<http://www.neabigread.org/about.php>

Health & Human Services

- **Presbyterian Hunger Program**
Grants support efforts in the following five program areas: Direct Food Relief, Development Assistance, Public Policy Advocacy, Hunger Education and Interpretation, and Lifestyle Integrity. The proposed activities should benefit poor people, especially women, racial-ethnic persons, or other disadvantaged groups, and those benefiting should be involved in the planning and implementation of these activities.
Applications are due July 15, 2006
<http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/grants.htm>
- **Community Service Block Grant Training & Technical Assistance Promoting Healthy Marriages Grant**
Offices of Community Services will fund the creation and dissemination of "promising practice" technical assistance materials in supporting healthy marriages among clients as part of an overall strategy to help low-income people achieve family and child development, and/or self-sufficiency goals.
Four to 6 awards totaling \$400,000
Applications are due July 17, 2006
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-ET-0043.html>
- **Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Research Initiative Grant**
The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation will fund evaluation studies of program services that promote responsible fatherhood through services that encourage and support healthy marriages between low-income parents.
2 to 4 awards totaling \$1 million
Applications are due by July 17, 2006
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OPRE-OJ-0090.html>
- **Faith & Community Technical Support for Domestic Violence**
The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has launched a new pilot program specifically targeting the unique needs of rural communities.
Awards from \$2,500 up to \$100,000
Applications are due July 20, 2006
<http://www.factsdv.org/>
- **Demonstration Projects in Post-Adoption Services and Marriage Education**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support continuous innovation and improvement in the quality of post-adoption services designed to improve outcomes for adopted children and their families.

Up to 6 Awards totaling \$1.5 million

Applications are due by July 21, 2006

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CO-0134.html>

- **Telehealth Network Grant Program**

Grants will support telehealth networks that provide services in different settings e.g., long-term care facilities, community health centers or clinics, physician offices, hospitals, schools, assisted living facilities, homes. To demonstrate how telehealth networks can be used to: a) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of healthcare services; b) improve and expand the training of healthcare providers; and/or c) expand and improve the quality of health information available to healthcare providers, patients, and their families.

15 awards for total program funding of \$4,250,000

Applications are due by July 21, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=10054&mode=VIEW>

- **Maternal and Child Health Research**

This program will award grants to support applied research relating to maternal and child health services, which show promise of substantial contribution to the advancement of the current knowledge pool. Findings of this research should result in health and health services improvements in States and communities.

Five awards for a total program funding of \$1.5 million

Applications are due July 24, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=9850&mode=VIEW>

- **Title III: Categorical Grant Program to Provide Outpatient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease**

The purpose of this funding is to provide, on an ongoing outpatient basis, high quality early intervention services/primary care to individuals with HIV infection. These services become part of a continuum of HIV prevention and care for individuals who are at risk for HIV infections or are HIV infected. All early intervention services (EIS) programs must provide: HIV counseling and testing; counseling and education on living with HIV; appropriate medical evaluation and clinical care; and other essential services such as oral health care, outpatient mental health services, outpatient substance abuse services and nutritional services, and appropriate referrals for specialty services.

112 Awards up to \$77,622,000

Applications are due by August 18, 2006

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10003>

- **Cable Positive Tony Cox Community Fund**

National grant program that exists to encourage community-based AIDS organizations and cable outlets to partner in joint community outreach efforts, or to produce and distribute new, locally focused HIV/AIDS-related programs and public service announcements (PSAs).

Grants are available of up to \$5,000

Applications are due September 15, 2006

<http://www.cablepositive.org/programs-tonycox.html>

Substance Abuse & Mental Health

- **Integration of Schools: Mental Health System Program**

Grants will provide funds to increase student access to high-quality mental health care by developing innovative approaches that link school systems with the local mental health system.

Estimated 20 awards for an estimated average size of \$243,065

Applications are due July 10, 2006

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-4936.pdf>

Youth & Eldercare

- **Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Planning Funds**

American Academy of Pediatrics

Funds provide grants for community-based initiatives that increase children's access to medical homes or to specific health services not otherwise available. Planning project activities must lead to sustainable, community-based child health initiatives that increase access to care, especially for underserved children, and address health disparities among children.

Grants in amounts from \$2,500 to \$10,000

Applications due July 14, 2006

<http://www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm>

- **National Minority Aging Organizations Technical Assistance Centers**

The Administration on Aging (AoA)

Projects will develop practical, nontraditional, community-based interventions for reaching older individuals who experience barriers to accessing home and community-based services due to language and low literacy as well as other barriers directly related to cultural diversity.

Approximately four (4) new cooperative agreements with varying award sizes

Applications are due by July 14, 2006

http://www.aoa.gov/DOINGBUS/fundopp/announcements/2006/Attachment_1370.doc

- **Senior Medicare Patrol Integration Grants**

Administration on Aging

Grants to conduct health care fraud control outreach and education for Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries.

14 Awards totaling \$1,170,000

Applications are due by July 19, 2006

http://www.aoa.gov/DOINGBUS/fundopp/announcements/2006/Attachment_1361.doc

- **Demonstration Projects in Post-Adoption Services and Marriage Education**

DHHS, Administration on Children, Youth and Families

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support continuous innovation and improvement in the quality of post-adoption services designed to improve outcomes for adopted children and their families. Funded projects will implement and evaluate post-adoption services with a primary emphasis on marriage education.

Six awards for a total of \$1.5 million in funding

Applications are due July 21, 2006

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CO-0134.html>

- **Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program**

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families will award grants, in the form of cooperative agreements, to adoption organizations for the purpose of developing, adopting or adapting a training curriculum, and then implementing and evaluating Infant Adoption Awareness Training Programs (IAATP).

Funded projects will train the staff of eligible health centers in providing adoption information and referrals to pregnant women on an equal basis with all other courses of action included in nondirective counseling.

Up to 10 awards totaling \$9,000,000

Applications are due by July 24, 2006

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-ACYF-CG-0120.html>

- **Support for Programs Serving Rural Seniors**

Cooperative Development Foundation: Mutual Service Cooperative Fund

The average General Grant awarded typically totals \$20,000 or less; however, General Grants actually awarded have ranged from \$500 to \$100,000. Scholarship grants typically average \$500 to \$1000

Applications are due July 28, 2006

http://www.cdf.coop/msc_fund/index.htm

- **Baseball Tomorrow Fund**

A joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association to promote the growth of baseball and softball throughout the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, and the purchase of uniforms and equipment to encourage and maintain youth participation in the game.

The average grant amount is \$51,000

Letters of Inquiry are accepted throughout the year

http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/mlb/official_info/community/btf.jsp?content=about

- **Seed Grants for Youth Projects**

The Youth Venture Grant Program provides grants to young people (ages 12 to 20) who have a dream or identify a need in their school or community, develop an idea and then, with a team, launch their own community-minded organizations to address that dream or need. Each venture team must have an Ally - a caring adult who advises the team.

Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to help launch the organization

Applications are accepted throughout the year

<http://www.youthventure.org/index.php?tg=articles&topics=43&new=0&newc=0>

Foundations

- **Dollar General: Back-to-School Grant Program**

Supports K-12 schools in the communities where company stores are located. (A map of store locations is available on the company's website.) The Back-to-School program will award two \$5,000 Back-to-School grants per state of operation to assist schools in meeting some of the financial challenges they face in implementing new programs or purchasing new equipment, materials or software for their school libraries or literacy programs.

Applications will be accepted between May 1 and August 11, 2006

<http://www.dollargeneral.com/community/communityinvestments.aspx>

- **Norman Foundation**

The Foundation's specific areas of interest include civil rights, environmental justice, and economic justice.

The remaining deadlines for 2006 are July 14 for civil rights requests and November 15 for environmental justice requests.

<http://www.normanfdn.org/>

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Aligning Forces for Quality: The Regional Market Project**

Program designed to help communities dramatically improve the quality of the health care they provide for chronic diseases in ambulatory settings. Aligning Forces for Quality will help up to six communities align three key drivers of quality improvement: performance measurement and public reporting; capacity to help physicians in the community improve the quality of ambulatory, chronic illness care; and consumer engagement.

Selected communities will each receive grants of up to \$600,000

All applicant organizations must register with the program on or before July 14, 2006. Proposals must be submitted by September 7, 2006

<http://www.forces4quality.org/>

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Caring Across Communities**
An initiative that addresses the mental health needs of underserved children and youth by supporting school-connected mental health services for students who require them. In the grant program, special emphasis will be given to projects that help children of immigrant and refugee families overcome the cultural and language barriers to mental health services. Brief proposals due on July 28, 2006 by 3:00pm EDT
<http://www.healthinschools.org/cac.asp>
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Tobacco Policy Change**
Tobacco Policy Change: A Collaborative for Healthier Communities and States, a national initiative that provides resources and technical assistance for local, regional, and nationally-based organizations and tribal groups interested in implementing effective tobacco prevention and cessation policy initiatives. Applicants must have demonstrated success in policy advocacy and grassroots organizing. Particular attention will be given to applicants working in communities or states most affected by tobacco-related disease and exposure.
Grants will range from \$75,000 to \$150,000
The application deadline is August 1, 2006
<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19587>
- **Avon Foundation's Grants Program for Local and Regional Domestic Violence Organizations**
The program supports community-based organizations that provide direct services to domestic violence victims. The program accepts proposals from nonprofit organizations that deliver essential services to domestic violence victims, including shelter, counseling, educational and professional training, and advocacy and case management.
The application deadline is August 1, 2006
http://www.avoncompany.com/women/speakout/dv_grant_guidelines.pdf
- **Foster's Community Grants**
Grants are provided in the following focus areas: wellness, including both physical and mental health; culture, including artistic, sporting, and educational activities; and the environment, including all aspects of the natural environment.
Applications will be accepted from August 1 to September 29, 2006
<http://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm>
- **Johnson & Johnson Grants**
Proposals are being sought from healthcare organizations and/or arts agencies working in partnership to produce innovative projects to serve

patients, their families, and caregivers in healthcare settings and to promote healing and preventative health.

Letter of Inquiry deadline is August 16, 2006

http://www.thesah.org/template/page.cfm?page_id=15

- **Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)**

Organizations seeking funding should have a specific program that: improves the health and well-being of children (ages 0 to 21 years); addresses a significant funding gap or critical opportunity; has long-term impact in terms of replication; and produces measurable results. RMHC has supported nonprofit organizations that help children read, provide nutritious after-school meals, offer life-changing surgeries, help prevent life-threatening disease, etc.

Letters of intent are due by August 28, 2006

<http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc/index/grants/apply/funding.html>

- **Balance Bar Community Grants**

Provide financial support to nonprofit organizations that offer programs that enhance people's physical health while they pursue a passion that enriches their lives. Grant requests must be dedicated to a project that will provide organization members, as well as community residents, with opportunities to lead healthy, active lifestyles. Support is provided to organizations such as road runners clubs, trails conferences, parks and recreation departments, athletics programs and leagues, youth organizations, etc.

Grants range from \$1,000 to \$25,000

Application deadline is August 30, 2006

<http://www.balance.com/grants/GrantTemplate.aspx?type=2&entryid=2&m=modules/rules>

- **NFL Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program**

The program is to provide non-profit, neighborhood-based organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields.

Grants of up to \$200,000 for capital improvement projects

Proposals are due August 31, 2006

<http://www.lisc.org/section/areas/sec3/youth/request/>

- **Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy**

The program supports the development of literary skills for primary caregivers and their children.

Applications are due September 8, 2006

<http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/nga.html>

- **Home Depot Foundation**

Two areas of concentration: affordable housing and the environment.

Applications are due September 15, 2006

<http://www.homedepotfoundation.org/support.html>

- **CIGNA Foundation**

Four broad areas for grant consideration: Health and Human services; Education; Community and Civic Affairs; and Culture and the Arts. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

http://www.cigna.com/general/about/community/grant_information.html

- **Public Welfare Foundation**

The program supports organizations that address human needs in disadvantaged communities, with strong emphasis on organizations that include service, advocacy and empowerment in their approach: service that remedies specific problems; advocacy that addresses those problems in a systemic way through changes in public policy; and strategies to empower people in need to play leading roles in achieving those policy changes and in remedying specific problems.

http://www.publicwelfare.org/first_time/first_time.asp

- **The Starr Foundation**

It makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine and healthcare, human needs, public policy, culture and the environment.

Awards of up to \$2,000

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis

<http://www.starrfoundation.org/>

Resources

- **The Corporation for National and Community Service**

Grants to national and local nonprofits, schools, government agencies, faith-based and other community organizations and other groups committed to strengthening their communities through volunteering for AmeriCorps, Learn & Serve America, and Senior Corps.

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp

- **Grant Writing Tools for Non-Profit Organizations**

Non-profit guides are free web-based grant-writing tools for non-profit organizations, charitable, educational, public organizations, and other community-minded groups.

<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>

- **Grantproposal.com**

A site devoted to providing free resources for both advanced grant writing consultants and inexperienced nonprofit staff.

<http://grantproposal.com/>

- **Developing a Powerful Grant Proposal: A Step-by-Step Tutorial**
18-part series that covers the entire spectrum of grant proposal development. This series offers step-by-step tutorials, checklists, worksheets, and samples to help guide proposal development. The series will help novice grant writers understand each segment of the process, as well as provide more experienced grant writers with new ideas about how to approach grant writing.
http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News_Views_px/tracktosuccess.asp

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